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C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 5948

E.O. 1152: GDS
TAGS: CVIS, AF
SUBJ: ACTIVITIES OF LACAZE ACADEMY

REF: KABUL 5901

1. PER REFTEL, EMBASSY PETITIONING INS TO INVESTIGATE ACTIVITIES OF LACAZE ACADEMY, AN INSTITUTION IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ELIGIBLE TO ISSUE I-20'S, AND OFFERING COURSES IN ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, AND PERHAPS OTHER FIELDS.

2. WITHIN PAST MONTH POST HAS REFUSED THREE NIV APPLICANTS, EACH OF WHOM WAS PLANNING TO STUDY ENGLISH AT LACAZE. SCHOOL APPEARS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN APPLICANTS ABILITY TO PAY. TWO OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE REFUSED HAD SENT LACAZE ONE THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS RESPECTIVELY, BEFORE THEY WERE ISSUED I-20'S. IT ALSO SEEMS THAT THE SCHOOL MAKES LITTLE OR NO INVESTIGATION OF ACADEMIC BACKGROUND OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS. FOR THESE REASONS, WE HAVE CALLED LACAZE TO ATTENTION OF INS, ASKING FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION, AND, IF OUR SUSPICIONS PROVE CORRECT, REMOVAL OF SCHOOL FROM LIST OF THOSE ELIGIBLE TO ISSUE I-20'S.

3. EMBASSY WISHES TO EMPHASIZE TO DEPARTMENT POTENTIAL HARM TO RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN BECAUSE OF SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES.
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MANY AFGHAN STUDENTS APPEAR INTERESTED IN LACAZE, INCLUDING SOME WITH CONNECTIONS INTO AFGHAN GOVERNMENT. MR. FAWAD AHMED ALI, RECENTLY REFUSED A VISA, IS SON OF COLONEL IN AFGHAN AIR FORCE, AND RELATIVE OF SECOND SECRETARY OF AFGHAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. SUCH A SCHOOL IS ALSO OBVIOUSLY A HAVEN FOR NON-BONAFIDE NIV APPLICANTS, SEEKING ANY POSSIBLE MEANS TO ENTER U.S.

4. WE REQUEST DEPARTMENT EMPHASIZE THESE CONSIDERATIONS TO
INS, INCLUDING THE NEED FOR A THOROUGH AND RAPID INVESTIGATION.
WE ALSO WISH TO ENLIST DEPARTMENT'S AID IN KEEPING US INFORMED
OF PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, WHICH WE HOPE WILL TAKE PLACE.
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